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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A test piece for creatinine measurement comprising:

a compound expressed by the following formula (1)

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$$R^4$$
  $R^5$   $R^6$   $R^6$   $R^6$   $R^2$   $R^3$ 

where R<sup>1</sup> represents H, SO<sub>3</sub>X or COOX,

R4 and R6 represent OH, SO3X, or COOX and are either the same or different,

 $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^7$  represent H, OH, Cl, Br, 1, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, or CH<sub>3</sub> and are either the same or different, and

Xs in the R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent H, Na, K, or NH<sub>4</sub> and are either the same or different, and

a <u>transition</u> metal or its salt that forms a colored complex with the compound, wherein the transition metal is Pd(II).

2. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (2)